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1. (C) SUMMARY. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ALAIN JUPPE
AND COOPERATION MINISTER JACQUES ROUSSIN VISIT DAKAR
JUNE 18-20, DISCUSS SENEGALESE CONTRIBUTION TO RWANDA
PKO FORCE, ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND ANNOUNCE VISIT OF
FRENCH PM BALLADUR FOR END OF JULY. PRESIDENT DIOUF
CONFIRMS SENEGAL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO RWANDA. PUBLIC AND
PRESS REACTION HESITANT; GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS THE
RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT SOME FEAR UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES
AND A REPEAT OF LIBERIA. MODY SY AND SAMUEL SARR,
ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF BABACAR

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SEYE, COMMENCE A HUNGER STRIKE DEMANDING THEIR RELEASE.
THE UNIVERSITY REMAINS CLOSED AS GOVERNMENT, STUDENTS
AND PROFESSORS REMAIN INTRANSIGENT, AND THE EXTENT OF
INSTITUTIONAL PARALYSIS IS RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE AND PROPER ROLE. END SUMMARY.

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JUPPE AT BAT, BALLADUR ON DECK

2. (U) FRENCH FOMIN ALAIN JUPPE ARRIVED SATURDAY, JUNE
18 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT DIOUF AND GOS FOMIN
MOUSTAPHA NIASSE ON SENEGAL'S CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS TO
FRENCH PKO INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. FRENCH AND SENEGALESE
OFFICIALS LAUDED AND APPLAUDED THE DEEP CHARACTER OF
FRANCO-SENEGALESE COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP. THERE
HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO PRESS PLAY ON THE FACT THAT
SENEGAL IS THE ONLY FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRY (AND
EXCEPT FOR GHANA, THE ONLY AFRICAN COUNTRY) THAT HAS
RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO FRANCE'S INITIATIVE. JUPPE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY COOPERATION MINISTER MICHEL ROUSSIN,
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WHOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH DIOUF AND OTHERS TOUCHED ON THE
ECONOMIC SITUATION FIVE MONTHS AFTER DEVALUATION AS
WELL AS FUTURE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION.

3. (U) JUPPE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE INTENTION OF FRENCH PM
EDOUARD BALLADUR TO VISIT SENEGAL AT THE END OF JULY.

SENEGAL TO JOIN RWANDA PEACEKEEPING FORCES

4. (U) PRESIDENT DIOUF FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, CONFIRMED
SENEGAL'S INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FRENCH-LED
RWANDA PKO FORCE.

5. (U) REACTION HAS BEEN HESITANT. IBA DER THIAM,
SEC GEN OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY CDP/GARAB-GI, (QUOTED IN
AN EDITORIAL IN INDEPENDENT DAILY "WAL FADJRI" 22 JUNE)
ASKED WHETHER SENEGAL RISKED EMBROILING ITSELF IN A
CONFLICT FROM WHICH, LIKE LIBERIA, IT WOULD BE
DIFFICULT TO EXTRICATE ITSELF. THIAM OPINED THAT IT
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CALL A
SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO DEBATE THE QUESTION, BUT
ALSO NOTED THAT SENEGAL HAD STRONG TIES OF SOLIDARITY

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WITH FRANCE AND OF BROTHERHOOD WITH RWANDA. A
SPOKESPERSON FOR OPPOSITION PARTY AND-JEF/PADS
COMPLETELY OPPOSED THE MOVE, WHILE THE SEC GEN OF THE
RND, MADIOR DIOUF, AGREED WITH THE INITIATIVE IN
PRINCIPLE BUT EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT UNKNOWN
CONSEQUENCES.

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6. (C) COMMENT: GENERAL SENTIMENT SEEMS TO BE THAT
SENEGAL IS "DOING THE RIGHT THING" BUT THERE IS A
TANGIBLE UNDERCURRENT OF HESITATION BECAUSE OF THE FEAR
OF UNKNOWN CONSEQUENCES AND OF GETTING ONCE AGAIN
ENTANGLED (AS IT IS PERCEIVED HERE) IN ANOTHER LIBERIA.
END COMMENT.

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